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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

- 1. The reply filed on 7-10-2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):
- 2. Applicants have not amended claim 36 as stated on page 1, and page 8 of the response filed 7-10-2002. According to Applicants, see page 8, 1st paragraph, "claims 9, 26 and 36, as amended are not obvious over Pollman et al., Manoharan et al., and Gibbons et al. as the combination of references does not teach all of the characteristics recited in the amended claims. Specifically, there is no teaching of any of SEQ ID NO: 1 or 3-13 in the references cited by the Examiner." However, contrary to Applicant's statement, there is no amendment to claim 36 in response filed 7-10-2002. Additionally, the claim referred to as amended claim 28 in the response filed 7-10-2002, is not consistent with original claim 28. Original claim 28 is drawn to a method, however amended claim 28 set forth in the response filed 7-10-202 is drawn a composition, and there is no amendment showing this change in claim language, therefore this amendment is not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(c).
- 3. <u>See</u> 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Janet L Epps-Ford, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 703-308-8883. The examiner can normally be reached on M-T, Thurs-Friday 9:00AM to 7:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John LeGuyader can be reached on (703)-308-0447. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-305-3014 for regular communications and 703-746-5143 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0196.

Janet L Epps-Ford, Ph.D.

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September 26, 2002